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## **ADEQ Director Owens Announces \$50,000 Brownfields Grant to City of Globe for Mountain View Mobile Home Estates Site**

*Site Once was on Federal Superfund List Because of Asbestos Contamination*

PHOENIX (Dec. 3, 2007) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens today announced that ADEQ is awarding a \$50,000 Brownfields grant to the City of Globe in Gila County to perform an environmental site assessment on 17 acres that the city wants to develop into a mixed-use industrial park.

The site, formerly known as the Mountain View Mobile Home Estates Subdivision, is located just north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 and Arizona Highway 77 within the city limits of Globe.

The subdivision was established in 1973 on the site of what was once an asbestos mill. In 1979, state and local officials discovered the soil was contaminated by asbestos. The site was added to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) federal Superfund list in 1983. Residents of the subdivision were relocated, and in 1985, all homes and other structures there were buried and the site was capped and fenced off. The site was removed from the federal Superfund list in 1988.

Director Owens said that the \$50,000 grant is the result of discussions he and Globe Mayor Stanley Gibson started having about the Mountain View Mobile Home Estates site last summer. "Mayor Gibson told me about his desire to develop this site and asked for help in figuring out how to deal with the past environmental problems there," Director Owens said. "We are delighted to support this important effort by the City."

The grant will be used to assess the environmental condition of the site and help the city determine what actions might be needed to make the property suitable for commercial use. The assessment is expected to be completed in late spring 2008.

"This is an important first step toward putting this property back into productive use for the benefit of the community," Director Owens said. "For nearly 30 years this site has presented enormous challenges of one kind or the other for the City of Globe. It's about time to get any remaining environmental issues addressed so that the City can move forward with developing this site."

A Brownfields site is an abandoned or under-used property that suffers from known or perceived environmental contamination.